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MontCAS
Montana Comprehensive Assessment System
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Happy New Year!

The August 2010 *JUMP* contains important schedules, timelines, and information. It is suggested that it be saved, printed, and consulted. Thank you.

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/NewsLetters/Aug10JUMP.pdf>

2010-2011 Statewide Assessment Schedule

Oct. 18 – Nov. 19, 2010	English Language Proficiency Test, Grades K-12 Window is closed
January 20 - 21, 2011	OPI Assessment Conference, Billings
January 25 – February 28, 2011	NAEP, Grades 4 and 8, Reading and Math
February 9 - March 24, 2011	CRT-Alternate, Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math; Grades 4, 8, and 10, Science. The first week of this window is intended for training and for the preparation of materials.
March 1 – March 24, 2011	CRT, Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math; Grades 4, 8, and 10, Science

Registration of Students Eligible for the CRT-Alternate
Information and registration instructions

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/CRT/TA/11Registering-Students-CRTAlt-DRAFT2.pdf>

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Registration windows

October 11 - December 1, 2010	For students currently enrolled in your school Window is closed
January 3 – January 14, 2011	For students who enroll in your school after December 2, 2010
After January 15, 2011	For students who enroll after January 15, 2011, please contact Judy Snow, 406-444-3656 jsnow@mt.gov

Test Security and Accommodations Information

- OPI will mail guidelines and non-disclosure forms to system test coordinators for training purposes and distribution in early February.
- Allowable standard accommodations for the CRT that are described in a student's IEP/504 Plan should be used during the administration of the CRT. Non-disclosure forms will contain language that refers to this practice.
- OPI has completed a study of the validity of accommodations and will present findings at the January assessment conference.

Barcode Labels and Materials for Grade 10 students attending the Montana Youth Challenge Academy.

Grade 10 students who enter the Montana Youth Challenge Academy in January 2011 must participate in the CRT.

- The CRT will be administered to them by a trained test administrator at the Academy.
- Testing materials, including barcode labels, will be sent to the test administrator at the Academy.
- Those materials will be returned to Measured Progress after testing.
- The students' participation and results will be reported with their schools not the Academy.

OPI will send the AIM file to Measured Progress to generate CRT barcode labels. The deadline to enter information for barcodes is February 1, 2011.

- By February, 1, 2011, please work with your AIM staff to complete the AIM enrollment information for all students including grade 10 students attending the Montana Youth Challenge Academy.
- Below is a screen shot from AIM. The red print shows where information for students enrolled at the Academy should be indicated including the start date.
- Following this process will ensure that the Montana Youth Challenge Academy will receive the materials to test your students. Thank you.

Summary Enrollments **Programs** Assessment Graduation Records Transfer

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Program Participation Editor Note: one curriculum program allowed per student

Program	Start Date	End Date	User Warning
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Program Participation Detail

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User Warning

Participation Details

Description

Large Print Versions of the CRT

- System test coordinators order the large print versions online
<http://iservices.measuredprogress.org>
 - Choose Montana and click Enter
 - Choose "Order Large Print Test Booklets"
- You need the state student ID, grade, and school for each student requiring the large print version.
- **Order deadline: January 7, 2011.**



The keynote address will be presented by Paul Andersen, 2011 Montana Teacher of the Year.

- Mr. Andersen will open the conference on Thursday, January 20 with a keynote address: *Motivating Students in the 21st Century*. Joules Killmurray will provide the student perspective.
- Information about Mr. Andersen can be found at the assessment conference link: http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#p7GPc1_5
- January 20-21, 2011, Billings Hotel and Convention Center, Billings, Montana
- Sessions on assessment and data topics and training for the 2011 MontCAS test administration
- Begins with registration and breakfast at 7:15 am on Thursday, January 20 and concludes after lunch at 12:30 pm on Friday, January 21
- Breakfasts, lunches, and breaks will be provided.
- A block of rooms at a special rate at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center has been reserved. Please contact the Hotel to make your reservation:
 - 1-800-537-7286 or <http://www.billingshotel.net>
 - The group code is OPI11 and must be included in your reservation to receive the conference rate.
 - The deadline to receive the group rate is January 10, 2011
- Early registration fee is \$65. Starting January 7, the registration fee is \$75.
- Please go online to register.
https://toto.msu.montana.edu/cs/opi_horizon/registration
- Conference support is provided by Montana State University Conference Services. Please contact them at 406-994-3333 or stephanie.stratton@montana.edu with any registration questions.
- Refunds for registration must be requested in writing. Full refunds will be offered until January 1. After January 1, a \$25 cancellation fee will be charged. No refunds will be approved for requests received after January 14, 2011.



MontCAS Presents : Two New Spring Semester Classes

- **Standards-Based IEPs** was funded by a United States Department of Education General Supervision Enhancement Grant. The class includes a series of prerecorded online modules and facilitated online learning communities. Dr. Gail McGregor will facilitate the learning communities.
 - The modules are online at the *MontCAS Presents* site and can be viewed and used in numerous ways for professional development.
- **FAME-CI: Formative Assessment for Montana Educators – Classroom Instruction**, includes a series of readings and online learning communities. Dr. Stevie Schmitz will facilitate the learning communities.
 - This class expands upon previous online *FAME* classes; however, there are no prerequisite classes.
 - The class text will be provided to Montana educators while supplies last.
- Graduate credit or renewal units will be available for both classes.
- More information will be on the *MontCAS Presents* website by the middle of January 2011.

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/MontCAS/MontCAS_Presents.html

Annual Measurable Objectives for AYP

The table below contains the Annual Measureable Objectives (AMOs) required for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) through 2014. Science is not included in the calculations for AYP.

	2005-06 Year 1	2006-07 Year 2	2007-08 Year 3	2008-09 Year 4	2009-10 Year 5	2010-11 Year 6	2011-12 Year 7	2012-13 Year 8	2013-14 Year 9
Reading	74%	74%	83%	83%	83%	92%	92%	92%	100%
Math	51%	51%	68%	68%	68%	84%	84%	84%	100%

English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment



Thank you to all test coordinators and educators for the successful administration of the fifth MontCAS ELP. Results are being calculated in preparation for the reports which will be mailed to systems on February 18, 2011.

Please contact Karen Richem if you have any questions: krichem@mt.gov or 406-444-0748

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